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Historical Happenings

Notes on Cultural Resource Management in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Historical Happenings provides information on the USFWS Cultural Resources Management program. Information comes from sources such as the Regional Historic Preservation Officers, websites, new sources, as well as other cultural resource management professionals.

Issues are also available on the USFWS Cultural Resources website <http://historicpreservation.fws.gov>. Submissions are encouraged and can be made via email. Please contact Eugene Marino at Eugene_Marino@fws.gov for submission guidelines.

FWS Regional News:

Washington Office—The 2007 Preserve America grants applications have been reviewed. Grant recipients will be notified shortly. We had many good projects submitted to us this year and we look forward to seeing the products later this year. For more information contact Eugene Marino.

Region 1 and 4—the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument and Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge are on the list of potential new U.S. World Heritage Sites. These areas possess distinct natural and cultural characteristics that make them significant to the world.

Other Agency News

ACHP—Mrs. Laura Bush announced the introduction of bipartisan legislation authorizing two grants programs—Preserve America and Save America's Treasures. The legislation seeks to make these two grant programs permanent tools to assist those engaged in historic preservation.

NPS—NPS to Renew Archeology Investigation Permit forms with OMB

A Permit for Archeological Investigations is needed whenever archeological investigations are carried out on Federal lands by non-Federal personnel, either as part of a development project or for research. Within the Department of the Interior, the Departmental Consulting Archeologist oversees the updating and regular review of the application form and the permit form. These forms require OMB approval, because the forms solicit information from the public. In preparation

for renewal of OMB approval, the NPS Archeology Program published a 60 day notice of intent to renew both of the forms in the Federal Register in August and invited comments from the public. No comments were received about the forms. The NPS anticipates publishing a 30 day notice of intent to renew the forms in January 2008, in the Federal Register. Anyone wishing to comment on the forms should watch the Federal Register for publication of the notice, and send comments to the addresses within the notice.

To view the 60-day notice of intent to renew approval for the forms, go to

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/07-3741.pdf>

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NPS—The Director of the National Park Service has formally approved the proposal of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians to assume certain State Historic Preservation Officer duties within the exterior boundaries of the tribe's trust lands in Michigan and the Pueblo of Pojoaque to assume certain State Historic Preservation Officer duties within the exterior boundaries of the tribe's reservation in New Mexico. The tribes have assumed formal responsibility for review of federal undertakings pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and all of the other SHPO functions set out in the act with the exceptions of assisting in the certification of local governments and assisting in the evaluation of Investment Tax Credit rehabilitation projects.

NPS—On December 12, the [President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities](#) and the National Park Service, [announced](#) \$7.6 million in federal competitive

[Save America's Treasures](#) grants. With these funds, 31 organizations and agencies will act to conserve significant U.S. cultural and historic treasures, which illustrate, interpret, and are associated with the great events, ideas, and individuals that contribute to our nation's history and culture. Since FY 1999, 832 grants have been awarded to preserve nationally significant and endangered historic buildings, structures, places, collections, artifacts, and artistic works. To date, all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Midway Island have received grants. The grants are made in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

State Department Recognizes Culturally Significant Property

When the U.S. Embassy in Rome began security improvements around the Palazzo Margherita, a 17th-century building it acquired for offices in 1946, workers unearthed ancient artifacts, including imperial lead water pipes from a villa owned by General Sallust, one of Julius Caesar's officers. The embassy hired an Italian archeologist to record and preserve the artifacts. The building is one of approximately 180 properties, including chanceries, ambassadorial residences, and office buildings, managed by the State Department that are significant for their historical, architectural, or cultural qualities. Seventeen of these properties – including the building in Rome – have been listed on the Secretary of State's Register of Culturally Significant Property, similar to the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the National Park Service. The State Department's Cultural Resources Committee annually reviews nominations for the register.

<http://usinfo.state.gov/xarchives/display.html?p=washfileenglish&y=2007&m=November&x=200711011608451CJsamohT0.6552088>

Legislative News

Historic Preservation Fund (HPF).

The FY 2008 omnibus appropriations bill includes the following: \$70.385 million for the Historic Preservation Fund, of which \$24.61 million is for Save America's Treasures; \$39.376 million for the State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs); \$6.399 million for the Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs); \$7.383 million for Preserve America grants, but coming out of the National Recreation and Preservation budget category; \$5.348 million for the ACHP (our request); and, \$25 million for the National Park Service Centennial Challenge.

Revised Defense Authorization Bill Passes House and Senate with Tomb of the Unknowns Study Provision Intact

After the first measure was vetoed by the President, the House and Senate passed a revised version of the 2008 Defense Authorization bill (HR 4986) that includes a provision providing for a study to repair the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. Even though Congress and the Administration haggled over and ultimately resolved a contentious legal item dealing with the seizure of Iraqi assets, the study for repair of the Tomb of the Unknowns was never in doubt. The Trust kept up the pressure to include and retain the provision throughout the legislative process. In addition, the Army Corps announced last week that Arlington National Cemetery now is considering repairing the Tomb's cracks to "retard continuing deterioration of the monument," and the Cemetery has initiated a Section 106 review for the repair project. Inclusion of the Tomb study provision in the Defense Bill was likely an impetus in this change of strategy by the Corps. The Cemetery administration, however, has not completely abandoned the idea of replacing the monument and describes the repair undertaking as "cyclical maintenance," with a long-term option to explore replacement."

Training, Upcoming Events, Education, and Volunteers and Friends News

FWS—ARPA Training Opportunities

The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) presents this thirty-seven hour class which provides training in all aspects of an archeological investigation and subsequent prosecution of the crimes. This premier class is taught by accomplished instructors that are nationally recognized subject matter experts in the fields of law enforcement, archeology and law. The class cumulates in a twelve-hour archeological crime scene practical exercise where law enforcement officers and archeologist work as a team to investigate and document a crime scene. Attendees will gather and process physical evidence, write incident reports, executive summaries, search warrants, damage assessments, and provide testimony in a courtroom scenario.

XP-ARPTP-801 / Columbus, OH -- March 10, 2008 to March 14, 2008

XP-ARPTP-802 / Bar Harbor, ME -- April 07, 2008 to April 11, 2008

XP-ARPTP-803 / Panama City, FL -- April 21, 2008 to April 25, 2008

Contact Charles Louke at (912)280-5188 for more information

[Society for American Archeology](#), annual meeting; Vancouver, BAC; March 26-28, 2008.

Preserving the Historic Road; Albuquerque, New Mexico; September 11-14, 2008. <http://historicroads.org>

National Trust for Historic Preservation
Tulsa, Oklahoma
October 21-25, 2008

The Friends of the Cathlapotle Plankhouse and the Docents voted in October to merge with the Friends of the Refuge, and the Board of the Friends of the Refuge voted for the same thing on Dec. 10th. The Friends of

the Plankhouse will continue as a Committee within the Friends of the Refuge.

Clark Co., WA, has awarded a Historical Promotion Grant for \$17,310 to the Plankhouse Lifeways and Landscapes Interpretive Program, and the WA State Arts Commission has awarded \$1500 toward the Artist-in-Residence part of the Program. This is designated money for our new Lifeways and Landscapes Interpretive Program, a program organized around seasonal themes, following the traditional progression of people and the landscape of the Lower Columbia River through the seasonal cycle. The program will include traditional skills workshops, seasonal gatherings, an Artist-in-Residence series, and furnishing the Plankhouse.

Requests for Information